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SUBJECT: PHAMPA PROBLEM

REF: KATHMANDU 3740 (NOTAL)

1. HOME MINISTER IN SPEECH TO PANCHAYAT SEPTEMBER 11
OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED RUMORS (REFTEL) THAT ARMY UNITS HAVE
ENGAGED IN FIREFIGHT IN EFFORT TO HEAD OFF KHAMPA BAND
FLEEING TO INDIA.

2. ACCORDING TO MINISTER SMALL BAND OF 40 LED BY WANGDU
LEFT MUSTANG AREA AUGUST 17 OSTENSIBLY TO ASSIST HMG
EFFORT TO ROUND UP ARMS. IN FACT HE FLED TO WEST TOWARDS
MUGU WHERE HE PICKED UP ADDITIONAL FORCES. BAND, THEN
NUMBERING 150, LAID SEIGE TO POLICE OUTPOST IN
HUMAL DISTRICT AND PASSED ON "LEAVING BEHIND A TRAIL OF
PLUNDER, RAPE AND OTHER FORMS OF CRIMINAL OUTRAGES ON
LOCAL PEOPLE FROM KUMLA AND DARCHULA DISTRICTS." ARMY
FORCES SENT TO INTERCEPT KHAMPA WERE SUDDENLY FIRED UPON AND
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"SEVERAL KHAMPA" WERE KILLED. ACCORDING TO REPORT SECOND

ENCOUNTER ALSO RESULTED IN LOSS OF "SEVERAL" OF WANGDU'S
FORCES. "NO CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED" TO NEPALESE ARMY.

3. MINISTER PROVIDED LATEST TALLY ON ARMS AND WEAPONS
SEIZED. THESE INCLUDE:

543 RIFLES
75 BREN GUNS
35 STEN GUNS
16 PISTOLS
8 60 MM MORTOAR
7 57 MM RECOILLESS RIFLES
385 MORTAR SHELLS
320 RECOILLESS RIFLE SHELLS
OVER 200,000 BULLETS
981 HAND GRENADES
5 RADIO SETS

4. FINAL OUTCOME OF HMG EFFORT TO PREVENT BAND FROM ENTERING
INDIA YET UNKNOWN.
CARGO

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